S.No.	Train No.	Class	Quota	W.E.F.
8.	9768 Jaipur-Madras Express	AC 2-Tier	2	10.6.97
		Sleeper	20	
9.	2634 Rajdhani Express	IAC	2	11.4.97
10.	1265 Bhopal-Rewa Express	AC 2-Tier	42	14.9.96
	(via Bina/Katni)	Sleeper	328	
11.	1267 Bhopal-Rewa Express	AC 2-Tier	42	15.9.96
		Sleeper	338	
12.	9767 Madras-Jaipur Express	AC 2-Tier	2	4.10.96
		Sleeper	8	
13.	9305 Kshipra Express	AC 2-Tier	6	3.10.96
14.	1061 Lashkar Express	AC 2-Tier	8 .	6.10.%
		Sleeper	16	
15.	1062 Lashkar Express	AC 2-Tier	8	7.10.96
16.	1457 Dadar-Amritsar Express	sleeper	10	16.1.97

Allotment of Bookstalls to Unemployed Graduates at Railway Stations

4549. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4657 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd May, 1995, and state:

(a) whether the Railways have called for applications for allotment of bookstalls on Platform No. 18-19 at Delhi Junction which were surrendered by M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co. in lieu of newly constructed passenger platform towards Kashmere Gate Side (Second Entry), Delhi Junction;

(b) if not, the detailed reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Railway have recently allotted two Book Counters/italls to M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co. on newly constructed platforms towards Kashmere Gate side at Delhi Junction as per their existing Bookstall agreement;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the fate of the applications of unemployed graduates for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (e) No, Sir. The existing counter tables of M/s. A.H. Wheeler & Co. have been shifted towards second entry Kashmere Gate side at Delhi Railway Station in order to reduce congestion on platform Nos. 18 & 19. There is no proposal for fresh allotment of bookstall on platform Nos. 18 & 19.

Construction of fly-over near Bilaspur Railway station

4550. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to build a fly-over near Bilaspur Railway Station in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Work was approved in 1996-97. The work will be started after completing necessary formalities by State Government.

Recruitment to Apprentices in Railways

4551. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways arc recruiting apprentices as per the Apprentices Act, 1961;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these

apprentices are not absorbed in Railways; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Railways are recruiting apprentices as per the provisions of the Act. In so far as absorpition is concerned there is no obligation on the part of the employer to provide appointment to trained apprentices. However, in matters of recruitment, instructions have been issued that other things being equal, preference should be given to trained apprentices over others.

बीकानेर-जयपुर रेल लाइन को जोड़ने के लिए उपमार्ग का निर्माण

4552. **श्री सुंदर सिंह भंडारी :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि **:**

(क) क्या यह सच है कि जयपुर से जोधपुर और जयपुर से बीकानेर तक मेड़ता रोड से रेल मार्ग का अंतर केवल 69 किलोमीटर है;

(ख) दोनों सिटी एक्सप्रेस गाड़ियों के पहुंचने के समय में डेढ़ घंटे का अंतर होने का क्या कारण है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने मेड़ता रोड स्टेशन के बाहर उपमार्ग बनाकर बीकानेर-जयपुर रेल लाइनों को जोड़ने के सुझाव पर गौरा किया है; और

(घ) यदि हां तो इस कार्य को कब तक शुरू किये जाने की संभावना है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) परिचालनिक कारणों के अलावा वे भिन्न-भिन्न मार्गों एवं भिन्न-भिन्न समय पर चलती हैं।

(ग) जी हां।

(घ) कार्य शुरू कर दिया गया है और 1997-98 में पूरा हो जाएगा।

Detachment of AC Coaches Nellai Express

4553. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the AC coaches of Nellai Express have been detached;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to re-attach AC coaches on the said train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to lack of traffic justification.

(c) No, Sir.

Railway Divisional OfRcc at Badarpur in Assam

4554. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTA-CHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the long-drawn agitation going on in Barak Valley in Assam, demanding Railway Divisional Office at Badarpur; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to establish a Railway Divisional Office at Badarpur to meet the demand of the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. After examining all issues ;he Government has decided to sc; up S new divisions at Agra, Pune, Ranciii, Raipur, Rangiya, Guntur, Singrauli anc Ahmedabad